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SUBJECT: TAIWAN REQUESTS USG TYPHOON RELIEF ASSISTANCE

REF: TAIPEI 974 AND PREVIOUS

11. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST - PLEASE SEE PARAs 3 and 4.

12. (SBU) Taiwan Vice Foreign Minister Andrew Hsia contacted A/DIR August 13 to offer thanks for the U.S. contribution to the Taiwan Red Cross relief efforts in the wake of Typhoon Morakot (ref) and to request additional U.S. assistance. A large number of people remain isolated in afflicted areas, without adequate housing or a reliable supply of potable water. Health officials are concerned about the possibility of disease as residents return to homes contaminated by flood waters.

13. (SBU) While Taiwan authorities have most of the equipment needed to handle the situation, Hsia said, responders have identified a number of specific needs. Specifically, Taiwan is seeking U.S. and other foreign assistance in providing any or all of the following:

- several heavy-lift helicopters capable of transporting excavators and dump trucks of at least 32 tons.
- 1000 temporary shelters.
- 100,000 bottles (300-500ml) phenol disinfectant.
- 200,000 bottles chlorine tablets.
- 100,000 liters N-alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride.
- 1000 portable sterilizer units. MOFA did not have specific model information, but said disaster relief experts should be familiar with the PCO ("pest control operator") sprayer equipment used in this type of work.
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14. (SBU) Hsia emphasized that the most pressing need, which only the United States or Japan can meet, is for heavy-lift helicopters to convey earthmoving equipment to the site of

the hardest-hit areas. He said this will most likely require the service of U.S. pilots familiar with the aircraft, and acknowledged this could be an issue. Nevertheless, this is one of Taiwan's most critical needs which it cannot meet on its own.

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